

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-04

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 ACDA-07 NSC-05 SP-02 SS-15  
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P R 121440Z JUL 77  
FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8490  
INFO SECDEF WASHDC//ISA(SA/DSAA)  
USCINCEUR  
DA WASHDC//DALD-ILM

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: MASS, KU  
SUBJECT: KUWAIT PURCHASES US ARMORED PERSONNEL  
CARRIERS

REF: (A) STATE 131515, (B) KUWAIT 2518  
(091400Z MAY 77).

1. ON JULY 12, GOK AGREED TO PURCHASE 175 M113  
A-1 SERIES ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS (APCS) ON A  
COMMERCIAL BASIS FROM FMC CORP., SAN JOSE, CAL.  
THE CONTRACT FOR THE APCS, WEAPONS (151 CALIBER  
50 MACHINE GUNS AND FOURTEEN 81 MM MORTARS), PLUS  
RADIO EQUIPMENT IS VALUED AT \$19,304,968. A SECOND  
CONTRACT FOR FIVE YEARS SPARE PARTS, AMMUNITION, AND  
TRAINING (MOSTLY IN KUWAIT) WAS ALSO SIGNED BY THE  
UNDERSECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE WITH VALUE  
OF \$13,337,801.

2. DELIVERY OF 29 APCS WILL BE FIVE MONTHS AFTER  
SIGNING; WITH THE REMAINING 146 VEHICLES TO BE  
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DELIVERED AT AN AVERAGE RATE OF 17 PER MONTH FOR  
15 MONTHS.

3. THE GOK WILL REQUEST THAT THE VEHICLES AND  
RADIOS BE INSPECTED BY THE USG.

4. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED

MATERIAL IS US SOURCE, EXCEPT MORTARS, WHICH  
ARE OF PORTUGUESE MANUFACTURE, AND SOME AMMUNITION TO  
BE OBTAINED IN EUROPE.

GLTM THE CONTRACTS PROVIDE THAT THE GOK WILL SUBMIT  
APPLICATIONS FOR US EXPORT LICENSES FOR THIS MATERIAL,  
WITH ASSISTANCE OF FMC.  
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## Message Attributes

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